

Arizona School Facilities Board

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Governor of Arizona
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Interim Executive Director
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Dear Superintendent:

As you may know, I assumed the position of interim executive director of the Arizona School Facilities Board effective May 6, 2002. During the two weeks I have been on the job, I have been amazed with the work being accomplished on a daily basis. The scope of this project is immense and the pressure to "get it done now" is a daily expectation for those who work here. I have been impressed with the staff's ability to maintain a service-oriented attitude in the face of these pressures.

I have also observed a collaborative approach to problem solving. We all know that a project of this size will not be completed without disagreements and differing interpretations. I am pleased to note that when issues arise, there is a mutual understanding that good communication will enhance the ability to come to a meaningful resolution. Thank you for your role in facilitating that collaborative approach within your organization. I can assure you that it is a primary goal of the SFB staff.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about the current status of the major initiatives of the School Facilities Board. The deficiency corrections project is entering a critical stage when hundreds of projects are progressing from design phase to bid phase or from bid phase to construction phase. Other projects are being completed each day. We remain optimistic that the June 30, 2003 deadline for deficiency corrections will be met for the vast majority of projects. While there may be a few projects that will carry over past that date, all 6218 projects will be completed or in the construction phase by then.

The technology project is approaching the two-thirds completion stage. We have been working with Qwest daily to ensure the timely completion of an aggressive schedule of installation. Please note there are some recent developments that are addressed in the next section of this newsletter. At the same time, we have been exploring alternative solutions to the challenge of delivering content in a format that complements each district's needs. You will be hearing more about this topic in the near future.

I am pleased to become part of an initiative that is dedicated to improving the facilities needed to deliver a quality educational program to the public school students of Arizona. Thank you for your part in making that delivery possible. I look forward to working with you during the coming months.

Sincerely,

James E. Jurs

James E. Jurs, Ed.D.

Interruption of Qwest Work

Qwest informed the School Facilities Board that effective Monday, May 20, 2002, it would not begin new projects until a review of its current funding authorization is completed by the School Facilities Board at its June 6, 2002 meeting. Qwest further explained that current work on projects would continue until the specific phase of work is completed, but that the next phase would not begin.

The current spending authorization for the Qwest project is \$100 million. A complete review of the project is underway and a full report will be made to the board at the June 6 meeting, which will be held in Flagstaff.

The board is committed to completing this technology project. As an adopted state standard, it is a requirement that will be met. The delay will provide an opportunity to review the status of the project to date and plan for future expenditures in an orderly way.

Status of Deficiency Corrections Projects

The table below shows the status of the 6218 deficiency projects currently approved. As you can see, 50.80% is in design and 46.02% is in some stage of construction or completed. We expect architects and engineers to complete the balance of their projects over the next several months.

As of May 15, 2002

Total Number Of Projects	On Hold	In Design Process	In Bid Process	Under Construction	Completed
6218 100%	197 3.17%	3159 50.80%	1151 18.51%	964 15.50%	747 12.01%

Scheduling of Deficiency Corrections Projects

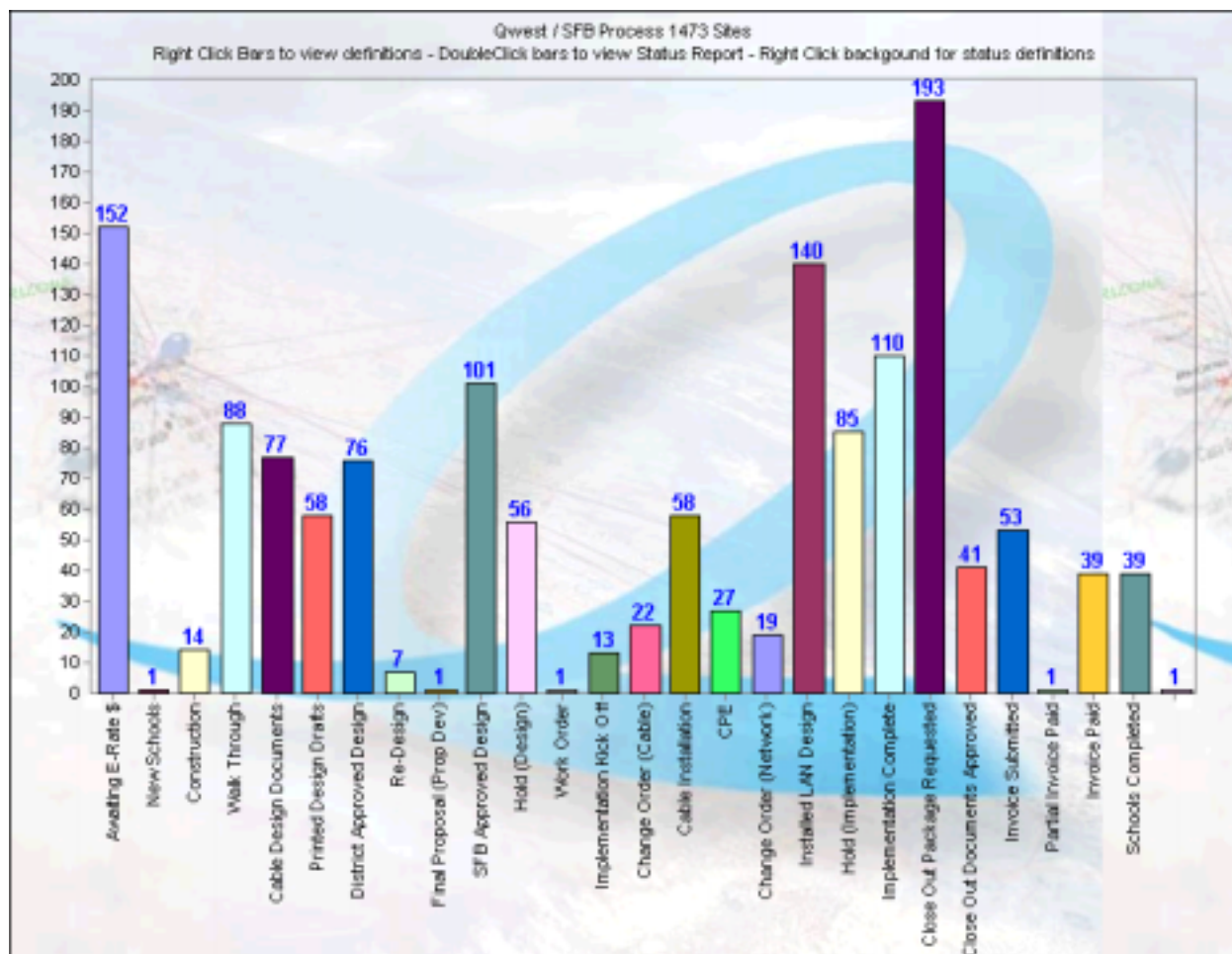
The clock is ticking. The current state-mandated completion date for all of the 6218 deficiency correction projects is June 30, 2003. In order to meet this deadline, it is imperative that all school districts continue to remain cooperative and flexible in scheduling these projects and giving project managers access to schools. Recently, a growing number of school administrators are requesting that their work be done during the summer and other school breaks. Even if the deadline is pushed back a year, it is not feasible to complete all of the projects during school breaks. Additionally, with so many projects bidding in the same periods, the likelihood of rising prices and re-bids significantly increases.

Roofing projects, in particular, cannot only be scheduled during school breaks. This may be difficult as there are concerns about the unpleasant odor of the chemicals used in the repair and replacement process. Even though there is no health hazard in this odor, many districts have opted to do roof work while schools are unoccupied. The limited number of roofing contractors relative to the large volume of roofing projects is causing the price to escalate and resulting in numerous re-bids. As we work to assist school districts in correcting deficiency items, we need

your cooperation to ensure that all projects are started and completed in both a timely and cost-effective manner - even though it might cause some disruption and inconvenience to a school (e.g. relocation of classes).

Networking Update

The following chart provides a detailed description of the networking project status. A general summary is provided below.



Summary

Work to be started: 255
 Work in design process: 376
 Work in implementation: 362
 Close out process: 480

Website Information

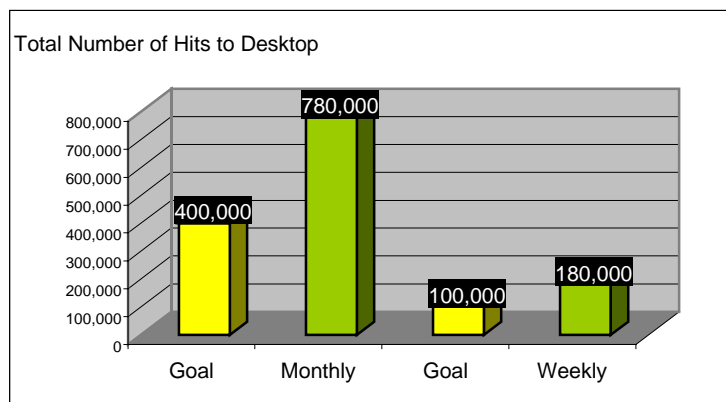
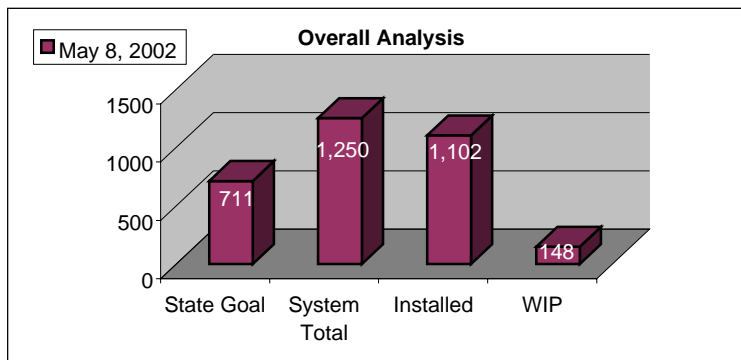
Website: <http://schools.goSFB.org>
 Website Username: status
 Website Password: goqwest

Visit the new Qwest SFB Project website for the latest project information for each district and school, overall project status, and status by Wiring Installation Contractor (WIC). The website is updated daily, and you should find it very easy to use. If you have any questions or experience

any problems using the website please contact Qwest's IT guru Ben Whitehorn at (602) 512-2600 or ben.whitehorn@qwest.com.

Application Service Provider Update

The Cox Education Network (CEN) Deployment Team has successfully deployed over 1,102 schools and over 418,000 users in Arizona. (Although usernames and passwords have been issued to districts, many districts have yet to distribute them or allow access to the Desktop; some districts have determined that access will be granted in the fall.) An additional 148 schools are in progress. The Estimate to Complete (ETC) the remaining schools is mid-May. This ETC is 3 months earlier than the August 1, 2002 date committed to in the CEN contract.



The number of hits to the Desktop in April totaled 780,000. The number of hits the week of May 6 totaled 180,000. From January 1 to present over 400,000 hours have been spent on the Desktop. Of this time, over 50% was spent *after school hours*.

For more information about the ASP project, please visit Cox Education Network website at www.CoxEdNet.org.

New School Facilities Board Appointments

Governor Hull appointed Logan Van Sittert to succeed Steve Rich as the chairperson of the School Facilities Board. Logan is principal of Van Sittert Associates Architects and serves as the registered architect representative to the board. He has served as vice chair of the School Facilities Board for the past year and a half. Congratulations to Logan, and our sincere thanks to Steve Rich for steadfastly serving on the board for four years.

Kevin McCarthy was appointed by the governor to serve as the taxpayer representative to the board. Kevin is the president of the Arizona Tax Research Association (ATRA), an independent, statewide taxpayer organization whose purpose is to promote the efficient use of tax dollars through sound fiscal policies. A recognized expert in public finance, Kevin has represented Arizona taxpayers on a variety of different boards and commissions. He served on the State

Board for School Capital Facilities and is currently a member of the state's Property Tax Oversight Commission, Debt Oversight Commission, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Property Tax. Please join us in welcoming Kevin to the board.

May Building Renewal Disbursement

Due to the legislature's reduction of FY 2002 building renewal funds, the May disbursement amount has been reduced to \$672,093. Please see the enclosed list of disbursement amounts by district. If you would like to see your district's building renewal calculation by school, please contact Candy Cooley at (602) 542-6146 or ccooley@sfb.state.az.us.

Project Management & Authorization to Proceed

To date \$789,904,000 in hard construction, deficiency corrections projects have been assigned to project managers, and districts have received specific letters authorizing the design and engineering of those projects. If the School Facilities Board has approved the scope of your projects, but you have not yet received such a notice, you can expect authorization to proceed soon. At the May board meeting, the board approved the cancellation of 5 supplemental projects (dollar amounts in parentheses below) and authorized 23 supplemental projects for a total approval of \$2.7 million, specifically:

<u>District</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Total Project Budget</u>
Amphitheater Unified	2	\$ 334,125
Apache Junction Unified	1	\$ (68,432)
Ash Creek Elementary	1	\$ 31,450
Beaver Creek Elementary	1	\$ (6,819)
Coolidge Unified	1	\$ 36,000
Globe Unified	1	\$ (81,460)
Mesa Unified	5	\$ 820,800
Murphy Elementary	1	\$ (67,670)
Parker Unified	1	\$ (10,080)
Phoenix Elementary	1	\$ 125,500
Roosevelt Elementary	1	\$ 14,216
Sahuarita Unified	1	\$ 91,205
Show Low Unified	1	\$ 759,000
Snowflake Unified	4	\$ 340,865
Tucson Unified	4	\$ 222,178
Washington Elementary	2	\$ 159,548
Total	28	\$ 2,700,426

Upcoming School Facilities Board Meetings

Meeting Date	Agenda Deadline	Meeting Location
June 6, 2002 10 a.m.	May 17, 2002	Flagstaff Unified School District District Board Room 3285 East Sparrow Flagstaff, Arizona 86004
August 1, 2002	July 12, 2002	Estrella Foothills High School 13033 South Estrella Parkway Goodyear, AZ 85338
September 5, 2002	August 16, 2002	Congress Elementary 26400 South Tenderfoot Hill Rd Congress, AZ 85332

Enclosures to this mailing are listed below. If you received this letter electronically and would like one or all of the enclosures, please contact Kristen Landry at (602) 542-6197 or klandry@sfb.state.az.us.

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